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The Partition of India

Long-Term Causes	Short-Term Causes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Muslims occupy northern India in the 1100s.• British colonize India.• Nationalists organize the Indian National Congress in 1885.• Muslim nationalists form separate Muslim League in 1906.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World War II weakens European colonial empires.• Pressure from Indian nationalists increases.• Muhammad Ali Jinnah and the Muslim League insist that Muslims have their own state.• Rioting occurs between Hindus and Muslims throughout northern India.



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Effects
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Violence erupts as millions of Hindus and Muslims cross the border between India and Pakistan.• Gandhi is assassinated by Hindu extremists.• India and Pakistan become rival nuclear powers.• The state of Bangladesh is established.